



SUPER-CLOSE TUESDAY: FOR OBAMA AND ROMNEY, IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS *pages 3, 6-7*

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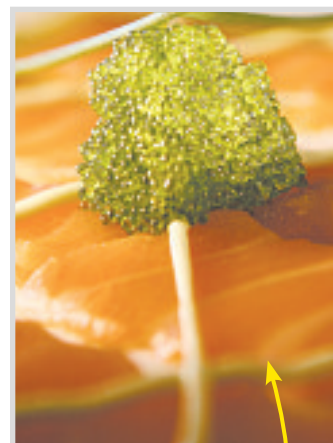
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Porter Bennie Perry sweeps the showroom at Kingdom Chevrolet in preparation for use as a polling place Tuesday. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

POLL DANCING

Bars, bowling alleys and funeral homes among weird voting spots

Chicago Tribune

School gymnasiums and church basements are familiar polling places—but some voting booths will appear in perhaps more unexpected establishments across the city Tuesday.

Bars, empty storefronts, retail shops, a funeral home and even an Illinois Department of Transportation truck yard are among the spots to be used as polling places this year, according to Jim Allen, spokesman for the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

Allen said residents voting in places like The Original Pancake House in Beverly are doing so because the establishment best fits the board's criteria.

"The key things we look for are locations

that are first accessible to people of all physical abilities, and second [that] provide adequate space," Allen said. "The kicker is we need the owner or proprietor to let us in."

Businesses doubling as voting locations can carry on as normal—often without interrupting voters, Allen said.

Happy Village in Ukrainian Village will be slinging drinks as usual while people vote in a separate space next door. Some Lincoln Square locals will vote amid sweet treats at chocolatier Let Them Eat Chocolate.

Mid City Nissan general manager Charles Settles said this is the first time his Old Irving Park car showroom will be transformed into a polling place. Half the vehicles will be moved into temporary storage to make way for voting booths, Settles said.

Delia's Beauty Salon in Gage Park is halting its normal cut-and-blow-dry business to let neighbors of the 14th Ward cast their vote. Stylist Hilda Cuevas said salon employ-

ees have the day off because voting booths will take up much of the salon's space.

This year isn't the first that South Side bowling alley Bluebird Lanes will usher locals into its side banquet hall to cast their votes. Daytime manager Carol Johnson said the scoreboards and pins are separated from voting booths—but that hasn't stopped customers from dropping kids off to bowl while they vote.

Movers will be packing Adam Furniture's showroom with rented tables and chairs for election judges and voters to use so the furniture store's own pieces don't get scratched.

Manager Casey Wielgosz said Tuesday's election is the first time in more than 10 years the Garfield Ridge-area store will clear space for voters.

"We figured it could help out the local community," Wielgosz said. "Plus it doesn't hurt to have more people coming through the store."

ELECTION GUIDE

Election Day: Tuesday

Polls open: 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

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The first U.S. president from Chicago, President Obama, seeks a second term against Republican nominee Mitt Romney. Also at stake is control of Congress, with some hot U.S. House races in the Chicago area, including those below. **TRIBUNE**

8th district *West/Northwest suburbs*



Duckworth

Walsh

Republican incumbent Joe Walsh, a Tea Party favorite whose outspoken conservatism has attracted attention nationwide, is battling Democrat Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq War veteran who lost both legs when the helicopter she was piloting was shot down.

10th district *North suburbs*

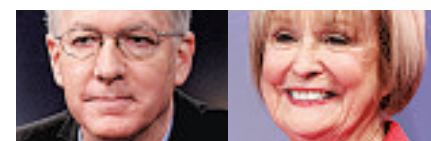


Schneider

Dold

Republican incumbent Robert Dold, owner of a pest-control business, is fighting for a second term against Democratic challenger Brad Schneider, a Deerfield management consultant. The district has long been considered moderate; the seat was previously held by centrist Republican Sen. Mark Kirk.

11th district *West/Southwest suburbs*



Foster

Biggert

Republican Rep. Judy Biggert, running in a new district that includes nearly half of her former 13th District, is seeking an eighth term in a race against former Rep. Bill Foster. A Harvard-educated physicist, Foster succeeded former House Speaker Dennis Hastert in Congress but lost a 2010 re-election bid.

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Lately, the Red Line is a pain in the North Side



GOING PUBLIC

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Here we go again. The derailment Sunday of a Red Line train in Edgewater was the second incident to occur on tracks there in about a month, causing a section of the Red Line to be shut down for hours and once again testing the patience of North Side riders.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's

incident, which happened between the Granville and Loyola stops.

In October, a train traveling between the Granville and Loyola stops ended up with its front wheels on the northbound track and its back wheels on the southbound track.

The incident initially was deemed a derailment, but then officials blamed it on a switching problem. There were no injuries in that incident either, but part of the Red Line was shut down as the CTA made repairs to the track.

CTA president Forrest Claypool dismissed Sunday's derailment as "minor" at an unrelated press event Monday in Chatham and pointed out that service has been restored.

Still, these incidents add to the annoyances that North Side riders have had to endure in the past few months. Headaches include six-week station closures for repairs, slow zones and platform overhauls.

The CTA is rehabbing the Berwyn, Lawrence and Jarvis stops, the last of seven North Side Red Line stations it has closed this year. The last station, Jarvis in Rogers Park, is



CTA workers and firefighters on the scene of Sunday's Red Line derailment. HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE

expected to reopen in December.

And although the stations have been much improved aesthetically, they still are not where they could be. Six of the seven stations are still not accessible for riders with disabilities.

At the CTA's board meeting last month, a North Side resident asked the CTA to add an elevator to Uptown's Argyle station, which is not an accessible stop.

The CTA said the elevator would cost \$10 million-\$15 million, and the platforms are too narrow.

Adding to frustration, slow zones plague about 16 percent of the northern Red Line. Slow zone work was added to the Red Line project after it had already started. At an event in the summer, Claypool said North Side Red Line riders would see slow zone relief in February.

North Side Brown Line riders don't have it much better. The CTA has been tearing up Brown Line platforms to replace them with weather-proofed wood to rectify its mistake

when it overhauled stations a few years ago.

Recently, Diversey riders have had their stations bypassed for repairs. Monday morning, to get to this station, some riders took the train from Belmont to Fullerton and then boarded a northbound Brown Line to Diversey, where construction is expected to last until Nov. 18.

Time is not on your side, North Side.

A wash

An eagle-eyed reader pointed out that the electronic maps on the new aisle-facing rail cars leave a space for the Washington Red Line, which has been shuttered since 2006 as part of the troubled Block 37 retail development project. Still, the station will remain closed indefinitely, CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase told GP: "The fact the holes were punched [in the map] doesn't mean there is any plan to reopen them. It just means there's a station there, so we punched a hole."

STATIONARY A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note

This week: Dempster Purple Line
This stop should be called the "Dumpster" station. Large sections of paint have peeled off the walls and the stairwells, which feature rusty steps. The platforms are hold-your-breath narrow, and as an added bonus, the CTA is working on a section of track near the station so there are slow zones. Before you rush to use this station, slow down and consider taking the Metra.

Next up: Jefferson Park Blue Line

CORRECTION

The name of the neighbor on "Home Improvement" was Wilson. A story on Page 42 on Monday incorrectly identified the name of the character on the TV show.

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President Obama
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TIGHT END REMEMBER THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE? YEP, COULD BE ONE OF THOSE ELECTIONS

CNN

WASHINGTON President Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are neck-and-neck in national polls, while Obama has an edge in crucial battleground states that will decide Tuesday's election.

The dynamic sets up a possible outcome that has rarely happened in American politics and could undermine the credibility of the victor—Romney beats Obama in the overall vote, but the president gets re-elected by winning the decisive Electoral College.

It would be the fifth time in history that the candidate who got the most overall sup-

port didn't win the election, and the first time that an incumbent president prevailed without capturing the popular vote.

Analysts acknowledge that such an outcome could happen, especially when the race is so tight, but they called it unlikely.

State results generally follow the national trend, they say, so the chances were remote that Romney's victory margin in states he wins will be so much larger than Obama's in states the president wins that it would counter the Electoral College result.

"If the state polls are right, then Mr. Obama is not just the favorite in the Electoral Col-

lege but probably also in the popular vote," Nate Silver wrote last week on the New York Times' FiveThirtyEight blog that analyzes polling data and trends.

Sean Trende, the senior elections analyst at realclearpolitics.com, wrote last month that the chances of a popular/electoral vote split were about one in three if the candidates are within one percentage point of each other in the overall count.

Under the Electoral College system, each state is worth a certain number of electoral votes based on population. The winner of the popular vote in each state gets its electoral

count, with 270 of the 538 available needed for victory.

The most recent split between the popular and electoral vote was 2000, when Democratic Vice President Al Gore outpolled Texas Gov. George W. Bush by more than 543,000 votes in the raw count but narrowly lost the electoral tally.

In an outcome decided by a controversial Supreme Court ruling that gave Florida to Bush by 537 votes, the Republican challenger ended up with 271 electoral votes to Gore's 266, while Gore got 48.4 percent of the popular vote to 47.9 percent for Bush.

IT'S A TOSSUP! ... OR IS IT?

There has been no shortage of polls and pundits attempting to predict the big winner on Election Day. Some such indicators claim to be scientific, others not so much. These fall into the latter category. **TRIBUNE**



The height factor

The theory: The taller of the two candidates wins.

Accuracy: The taller candidate has won 19 times and lost eight in presidential elections dating to 1896, according to a New York Times analysis conducted in 2008.

This year: President Obama is 6-foot-1; challenger Mitt Romney reportedly is 6-foot-2.

Resulting prediction: Romney



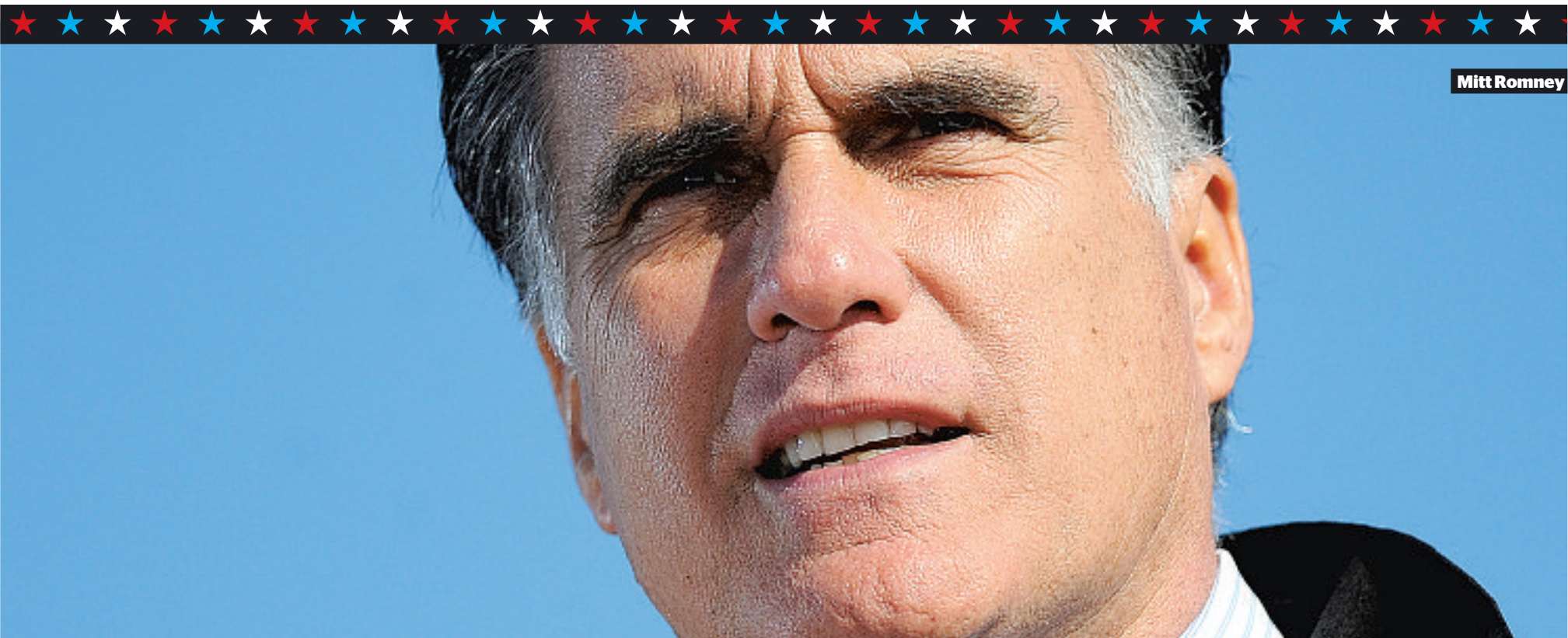
The Redskins Rule

The theory: If the Washington Redskins win their last home game played before the presidential election, the incumbent party will win the election. If the team loses that game, the incumbent party loses.

Accuracy: The rule has held true in 17 of 18 cases, with only 2004 an exception—though some proponents of the Redskins Rule argue that because the 2004 incumbent, George W. Bush, had not won the popular vote in 2000, the rule still held.

This year: The Redskins lost to the Carolina Panthers at home Sunday.

Resulting prediction: Romney



Any close election causes raw emotions and the uncertainty from popular/electoral vote splits can undermine the legitimacy of the winner, noted Wendy Schiller, a political science professor at Brown University. That would be especially true this time if Obama, the incumbent, claims victory without getting more overall votes, she said.

“When you look at an incumbent president that can’t win the popular vote, you look at a guy that’s very hobbled from the start,” Schiller said. “For governing, it creates a much bigger problem than it does for the legitimacy of the election.”

At the same time, she added, it would be hypocritical of Republicans to cry foul when they benefited from the same situation just 12 years ago, saying: “If you win that way, you have to be prepared to lose that way.”

Another factor that could contribute to a popular/electoral vote split is devastation from superstorm Sandy in states such as New York and New Jersey, which were expected to provide

strong support for Obama. While the president likely will win both, his overall vote total could be lower if turnout is reduced in the aftermath of widespread power outages and structural damage from the storm.

Schiller, however, said the election results clearly would demonstrate such a scenario, providing an explanation for what happened that would soften challenges to the legitimacy of an Obama victory via the Electoral College.

“I don’t see any legitimate claim by either side that the system isn’t going to function well, even if you get this distortion,” she said.

Electoral College voters, called electors, will meet Dec. 17 in their respective states and vote for president and vice president on separate ballots.

In the case of a tie between Romney and Obama, the House of Representatives would meet in January to decide the president, with each state getting one vote. The Senate decides the vice president.

NUMBERS GAME

Seven of the eight national polls released since Sunday indicate the race for the White House is in a dead heat, like most have shown for weeks. **CNN**

» Politico/George Washington University	Obama: 48	Romney: 48
» NBC News/Wall Street Journal	Obama: 48	Romney: 47
» ABC News/Washington Post	Obama: 49	Romney: 48
» Gallup	Obama: 48	Romney: 49
» American Research Group	Obama: 49	Romney: 49
» Monmouth University	Obama: 48	Romney: 48
» Pew Research Center	Obama: 50	Romney: 47
» CNN/ORC International	Obama: 49	Romney: 49

The 7-Election

The theory: The coffee cup color selected by more customers at 7-Eleven locations will predict the winner of the election—more blue cups taken, Democrat; more red cups, Republican.

Accuracy: Cup selection has predicted the outcome of every presidential election since 2000, the convenience store chain says.

This year: Customers have grabbed blue cups 59 percent of the time and red cups 41 percent, according to 7-Eleven.

Resulting prediction: Obama



The masks

The theory: The party with the better-selling Halloween masks of its nominees on **buycostumes.com** will win the election.

Accuracy: The mask vote has accurately predicted the outcome of each presidential election since 2000, according to **buycostumes.com**.

This year: The masks of Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were chosen by 52 percent of voters to 48 percent for Romney and his running mate, Paul Ryan.

Resulting prediction: Obama



Kids!

The theory: The winner of Nickelodeon’s “Kids Pick the President” is the winner of the general election.

Accuracy: Kids have been right in every election but one since 1988. (They voted for John Kerry over George W. Bush in 2004, according to The Huffington Post.)

This year: 65 percent voted for the president

Resulting prediction: Obama



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That's one deal done for CTA

Chicago Tribune

The CTA has agreed to contracts with unions representing construction and maintenance workers that Mayor Emanuel said will allow the city to save millions of dollars through more scheduling flexibility and lower health care costs.

Two key contracts with unions representing bus drivers and train operators remain unfinished. But that didn't stop Emanuel and CTA President Forrest Claypool on Monday from touting a five-year deal with 1,200 members of 12 unions, among them electricians, plumbers, carpenters and bricklayers.

The union agreed to afternoon and evening shifts at straight pay rather than time-and-a-half and "work-sharing" provisions that allow more flexibility in the kinds of tasks members can perform at CTA work sites. The city estimates the changes will save about \$1.5 million per year. In exchange, the city agreed not to lay off any of the union members for the contract's duration.

The deal also changes health care plans for the unions, which Claypool said would save the city about \$5 million annually.

Claypool refused to talk specifics about negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents more than 6,000 CTA workers, including bus drivers and train operators, but said the pact announced Monday points to what the city hopes to achieve in that contract.

Emanuel said the agreement announced Monday will please riders on Chicago trains



Mayor Emanuel
ZBIGNIEW BOZAK/
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and buses because the CTA will be able to schedule more work at off-peak hours and hire more employees to get projects finished more quickly.

The mayor also discussed Gov. Quinn's maneuver last week to get his pick appointed to run the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority over a candidate the mayor preferred. The mayor said he and Quinn disagree over Kelly Kraft's selection to serve as executive director of the authority, which operates U.S. Cellular Field, but will not let that stop them from tackling other problems facing the city and state.

"We have a working arrangement, a working process," Emanuel said. "The state is helping us on the [CTA] Red Line production and investment, making sure we're doing that. On the other hand, we have a disagreement, I have a disagreement there because the taxpayers of the city of Chicago are on the line if, God forbid, something bad happens at the sports authority."

EXPRESS LINES

- Attorneys defending the city of Chicago in a federal lawsuit stemming from the infamous 2007 beating of a female bartender by an off-duty police officer on Monday rested their case, setting the scene for closing arguments Tuesday.
- A man who pleaded guilty last week to domestic battery after being paroled recently on a drug charge kidnapped his own daughter, stole his estranged wife's car and ran down a Chicago police officer Sunday night, prosecutors said.
- A Kansas man was arrested after a loaded handgun was found in his carry-on luggage at O'Hare over the weekend, authorities said. **TRIBUNE**



TUESDAY
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Brellas up!



WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
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Oh, hello



Back in time

Russian soldiers wearing WWII uniforms rehash Monday in Moscow for an event marking the 71st anniversary of a parade in which soldiers left for the front line to fight the Nazis. **GETTY IMAGES**



Tough job

A man works at a construction site Monday on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan. **REUTERS**



Flag day

A boy salutes Monday during the weekly flag-raising ceremony at the East Experimental School in Shanghai. **REUTERS**

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When is a punter more than a punter? When he kicks up the political arena



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Rare is it that professional athletes are able to affect the kind of sociocultural movement getting under way in Minnesota and across the country.

That it's an NFL punter doing this makes the whole thing even more remarkable.

In case you missed it, Vikings punter Chris Kluwe has established himself

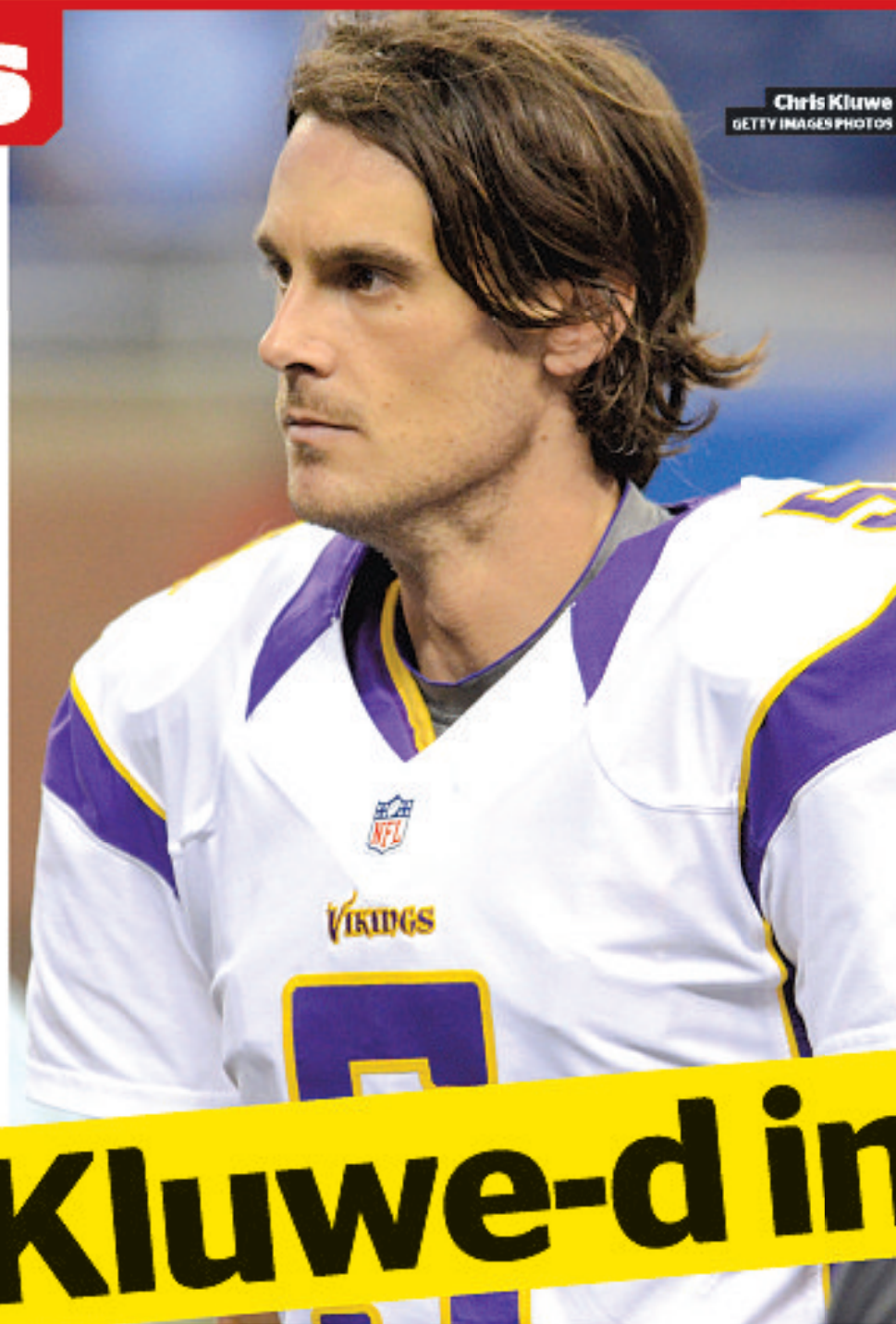
as the Most Valuable Athlete of Election Day, showing the kind of public social backbone rarely exhibited by pro athletes who find themselves wary of expressing anything resembling a tangible opinion on a controversial subject.

What Kluwe has done for gay rights on a local and national level is staggering. Rather than privately express his support, Kluwe has spoken and spoken loudly about his open support of same-sex marriage, a subject that has long been considered taboo in locker rooms.

His support is pivotal on both the local and national levels.

On Tuesday, Minnesotans will vote on a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would legally define marriage as being between a man and a woman. If passed, the amendment would have a devastating impact on the lives of gay couples throughout the state seeking equal legal footing with their straight counterparts.

Athletes have the kind of platform to speak their minds most of us only dream of. Kluwe, who is himself straight and married to a woman, has used his pulpit to promote equal rights for gay people, something he's passionate about. His open encouragement of a "no" vote on the amendment has given the previously disenfranchised a fighting chance and a public face with the kind of resonating voice they've lacked. Regardless of whether Minnesotans agreed with him, Kluwe's stance brought the issue to the forefront and likely will bring more voters to the polls as a direct result.



Chris Kluwe
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Kluwe-d in

He's also not afraid to back up his words with actions. Kluwe recently publicly quit his popular blog on the St. Paul Pioneer Press' website after the newspaper essentially endorsed the adoption of the amendment in an editorial despite claiming to be neutral, something he perceived as an act of deception on the newspaper's part.

On the national level, Kluwe's open support of a previously taboo subject has had greater ramifications.

His willingness to become the face of a broader social change in professional athletics is noteworthy. For generations, homosexuality and the support of it have been verboten in sports. Kluwe's words and the public support

he's received show that the culture in stadiums is starting to evolve along with our society.

Now, conversations on gay marriage and equal rights are being had in places where they might not otherwise take place. For that, Kluwe should be lauded as someone who used his spotlight to serve as a role model for Americans, both gay and straight, as someone who is willing to stand up where others might back down.

Kluwe may never win an NFL MVP award. He is a punter, after all. But on Tuesday he is a landslide choice for Most Valuable Athlete of Election Day 2012.

MATT LINDNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

Taking sides

Some of the prominent athletes who support gay marriage, and some who don't.

FOR



Brendon Ayanbadejo

The former Bear and current Baltimore Ravens linebacker's support of gay marriage drew the ire of a Maryland legislator, who in turn famously drew the ire of Chris Kluwe.



Steve Nash

The L.A. Lakers guard filmed a video for New Yorkers for Marriage Equality.



Matt Cain

The San Francisco Giant is one of several athletes to pose for photos for the NOH8 campaign.

The movement opposes Proposition 8 in California, which amends the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

AGAINST



Manny Pacquiao

Boxing's biggest star spoke harshly against President Obama's pro-gay

marriage stance earlier this year, calling homosexuality a sin.



David Tyree

The former N.Y. Giant recorded a video for the National Organization for Marriage citing his religious

beliefs for his opposition to same-sex marriage.



Tim Thomas

The Boston Bruins goaltender posted on his Facebook page in July that he fully supports Chik-Fil-A's well-publicized stance against gay marriage.

SOURCES: TRIBUNE, CBSSPORTS.COM, NOH8CAMPAIGN.COM, HRC.ORG, NATIONFORMARRIAGE.ORG, EXAMINER.COM

CHOOSY

It's your right to figuratively high-five these panelists—or figuratively smack them upside the head.



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1 Grade the first half of the Bears' season.	A+ for effort, play and management. No jokes here.	D.	I give them a "D" for "damn, they play good against the opponents' offense."	Is there a letter that comes before "A"?	I give it a "P" for PEANUT!
2 How are Chicago sports like a presidential election?	Um ... they aren't.	A bunch of money is spent and still the other guys usually win.	People of all races, creeds and sexualities come together and root for a black guy from the South Side.	Everybody makes loud-mouthed predictions ... that usually wind up not becoming true.	Even when we know they're bad, we still follow our parties (teams).
3 Which Chicago sports figure should run for office?	Jay Cutler! Slogan: "The smirk works!"	Ditka could win one election.	Peanut Tillman! I nominate him for president of the Strip Club.	Thibodeau. He would lock himself in a room and evaluate policy all day. Just like game film.	Ditka could run for mayor/ president/God of Chicago and win in a landslide.
4 A Cubs prospect injured his thumb while high-fiving a teammate. Insert joke here.	(Sigh.) A new low in high-fives.	You Wood never believe this hadn't happened Prior.	He just got "handed" his first of many disappointments! (This thing on?)	Still not better than former Cub Steve Trout injuring himself by falling off a stationary bike!	Must've been watching a White Sox game!
5 A 14-year-old playing in the Masters is like me anchoring the WGN Morning News at 4 a.m.! Wait, what was the question?	... the best news ever for the future of cocktail waitresses.	... hoping his last name is Bates, so if he wins we can call him Master. #immature	... Gary Coleman getting to eat at the big kids table at Thanksgiving.	... when I was 14 and my dad let me sit at the bar and order a kiddie cocktail. Sooo cool.

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THE MOUTHWATCH
 Cutler
 baby
 breast milk?
 Think about
 how strong our
 baby will be!"

—Jenny (**Katie Aselton**) on FX's "The League," on a recent episode guest-starring Kristin Cavallari. In the episode, Jenny plots to steal breast milk from Cavallari, who plays herself.



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BEARS TRIVIA CHALLENGE

We put our Twitter followers to the test before every Bears game. At stake: a chance to join our Four Score panel. Here are this week's question and answer:

QUESTION

If you added the current populations of the college towns (where the school is based, not necessarily where the stadium is) of every Bears linebacker on the roster, how many times would they fill up a sold-out Soldier Field?

ANSWER

Here are the population figures we used:

Lance Briggs (Tucson, Ariz.): **525,796**
 Blake Costanzo (Easton, Pa.): **26,995**
 Geno Hayes (Tallahassee, Fla.): **182,965**
 Nich Roach (Evanston): **74,785**
 J.T. Thomas (Morgantown, W.Va.): **30,293**
 Brian Urlacher (Albuquerque, N.M.): **552,804**

Add the populations and you get **1,393,638**.

Divide that by 61,500 (Soldier Field's capacity), and you get **22.66**.

Allowing for a reasonable margin for error, we chose a winner at random from the correct entries, and this week it's Walter Brzeski (@beastradamus). Congrats! Thanks to all who participated, and look for the next Challenge on Friday.

THE FINISH LINE

» NFL: New Orleans 28, Philadelphia 13

» Jay Cutler: I'm voting for Mitt Romney

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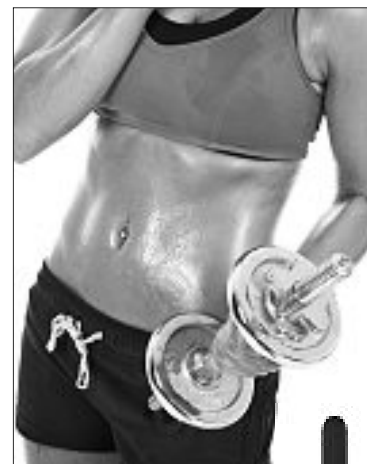
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LOONY TUNES

It's time for Now! 44. Will the music series ever wear out its welcome?



By Dana Moran | REDEYE

It's album release Tuesday, which means lots of new tunes to delight you. Oh yeah, and the latest edition of the Now! music series, featuring the likes of Pink, Maroon 5, Psy, Nicki Minaj and Usher—stuff we suspect you've heard more than a few dozen times. To honor the 44th edition of Now!, we've compiled the **ULTIMATE Now!** playlist of songs you may have forgotten. You're welcome. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYEDANA](https://twitter.com/REDEYEDANA)



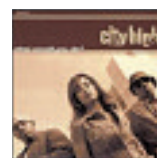
1. Bailamos

Enrique Iglesias
The mole! We miss the mole so much, Enrique!



2. London Bridge

Fergie
This song is so much better than "Fergalicious."



3. What Would You Do?

City High
Starving woman sells her body, ladies and gentlemen. It just screams classic.



4. Candy

Mandy Moore
Love always, Mandy. The pants of this era were just incredible.



5. Girl All the Bad Guys Want

Bowling for Soup
A song for the badass girls, or the girls who really wished they were badasses in high school.



6. Waiting for Tonight

Jennifer Lopez
This track could REALLY use more current radio play.



7. Right Thurr

Chingy
Right whur? Oh right, we've got it.



8. I Think I'm In Love With You

Jessica Simpson
That one part where she rips off John Cougar's "Jack and Diane." Oh wait, that's the **WHOLE** thing. Also, please go back and watch this video.



9. The Hardest Thing

98 Degrees
We're sorry, but the boy bands just cannot be ignored in this flashback.



10. Bossy

Kelis
Admit it: At one point, this song was your JAM. Or maybe that was just us.



11. Ms. New Booty

Bubba Sparxxx
Is the booty new to her, or just new to him? We never did figure it out.



12. Everybody's Free (To Wear Sunscreen)

Baz Luhrmann

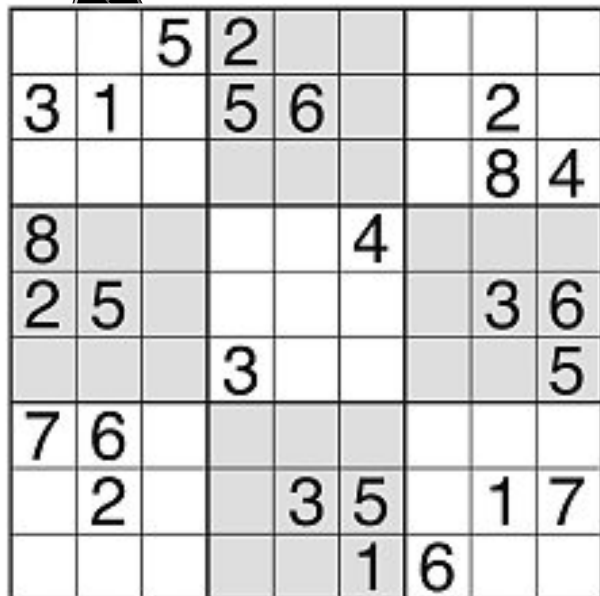
This is a **WEIRD** song. It's not even a song. Winner.



Jennifer Lopez
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Chingy



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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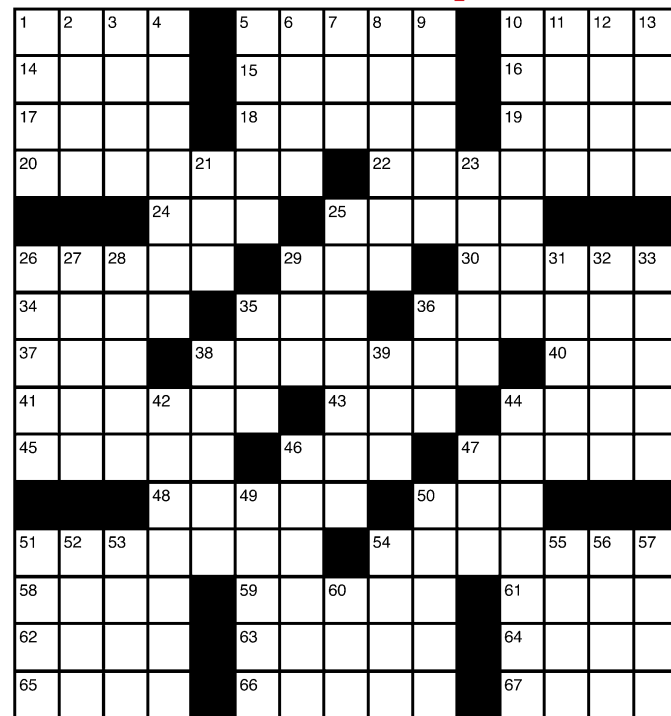
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- 61 Fibula or femur
- 62 "King of the Jungle"
- 63 Emirate in Persian Gulf
- 64 Orange peel
- 65 Atlas pages
- 66 Thin cuts
- 67 Otherwise

DOWN

- 1 Smart
- 2 Poet _ St. Vincent Millay
- 3 Whitney and Wallach
- 4 _ zoo; animal park
- 5 Angry look
- 6 "Ave Maria," for one
- 7 Upper limb
- 8 Closer



- 9 Actor Edward
- 10 Saves
- 11 "Take _ leave it!"
- 12 _ in a blue moon; rarely
- 13 Accept
- 21 First lady
- 23 Natural talent
- 25 Woodwind instrument
- 26 House of snow
- 27 One of the Judds
- 28 _ food cake

- 29 Gent
- 31 Famed English racecourse
- 32 Smoothly sophisticated
- 33 Sutured
- 35 Acquired
- 36 Vietnamese New Year
- 38 Olympics prize
- 39 Bather's spot
- 42 Diminishes
- 44 Gruesome
- 46 Merry

- 47 _ Francisco
- 49 Goes first
- 50 Cabs
- 51 Date tree
- 52 Big continent
- 53 Family restaurant
- 54 King's order
- 55 Work hard
- 56 Travelers' stops
- 57 Relinquish
- 60 J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.

TODAY IN THE YEAR...

1860: Former U.S. Rep. Abraham Lincoln, R-Ill., defeated three candidates for the presidency.
1928: For the first time, presidential election results were flashed on an electronic sign on the New York Times Building, reporting the results of Herbert Hoover's victory over Alfred Smith.
1993: The Bulls christened the new United Center with a loss against Miami, 95-71; guard B.J. Armstrong was the first Bull to score in the new building.

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Holographic TLC?

Could TLC be plotting a return with a holographic version of late group member Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes? Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas said the option has been discussed, **people.com** reports. "It [would] be hard on us, but I certainly think our fans would love to see it," she said.



Baby on board

Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard are spawning. Bell is expecting the couple's first child, due in late spring, their rep tells **people.com**. Bell and Shepard—who, appropriate for news of this sort, co-stars on NBC's "Parenthood"—have been engaged since late in 2009. They have said they don't plan to marry until same-sex couples can legally marry in California, where they live.

Superstar power

Clear the stage! More stars have signed up to perform for the Nov. 18 American Music Awards on ABC. Usher, No Doubt and Justin Bieber have been added to the roster of live performers, **thr.com** reports. Previously announced acts include Taylor Swift, Nicki Minaj and Christina Aguilera.



HOT DATE NOV. 15

That's the air date for a new one-hour special on MTV, "Restore the Shore," in which the cast of "Jersey Shore" will reunite to collect donations pegged for the reconstruction of the Seaside Heights, N.J., boardwalk, which was devastated in super-storm Sandy. **MTVPHOTO**

"That's an amazing scene."

—Taylor Lautner, to **mtv.com**, on a scene in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 2" in which his character disrobes in front of Bella's father.

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PUNK ROCKS

Brace yourself, Chicago: CM Punk is about to body slam this year's McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade on State Street. The Chicago native and WWE star will serve as grand marshal of the parade, which runs from 8-11 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, organizers announced Monday. Anyone wants to challenge that title? Anyone? Yeah, that's what we thought. **MCT FILE PHOTO**

Super sleuth

And the winner of Super Bowl XLVII is... "Elementary." The modern drama based on Sherlock Holmes will air Feb. 3 in the coveted post-game spot, CBS announced Monday. Of course, let's hope Chicago is more interested in one of the teams in the game than the following TV show... If you catch our drift.

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